

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

5 The present invention is an apparatus for equipping a surgical stapling device with a surgical buttress in order to provide reinforced surgical fastener suture lines and includes means for aligning the apparatus with the surgical staple device, an elastomeric foam surgical buttress contained within the alignment means and means for retaining the foam buttress within the alignment means, which alignment means is formed as a unitary body
10 containing a frame, guide channel walls and means for receiving the elastomeric foam surgical buttress.